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1. WE NOTED OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP'S INFORMAL PAPER STATES THAT NETHERLANDS HAS ENTERED INTO PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT TO ASSIST PORTUGAL. FACTS AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN THEM HERE INDICATE THAT GON, FOR INTERNAL PROCEDURAL REASONS, IS NOT RPT NOT YET IN A POSITION TO DELIVER ON SUCH A COMMITMENT.

2. WHILE THERE IS ACTIVE INTEREST WITHIN GON TO ASSIST PORTUGAL, DUTCH OFFICIALS STATE THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO USE THEIR DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS FOR A COUNTRY AS ADVANCED AS PORTUGAL. WHILE SOME THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF CHANNELING SOME DUTCH DEVELOPMENT AID TO FORMER PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES FOR PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE FINANCED BY PORTUGAL, THERE IS REAL QUESTION IN DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY WHETHER SUCH INDIRECT ASSISTANCE

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WOULD BE FEASIBLE OR DESIRABLE. IF GON IS TO PROVIDE

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL, IT APPEARS THAT DUTCH CABINET MAY HAVE TO FACE ISSUE OF WHETHER AND HOW TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL FUND FOR PORTUGAL.

3. ON A NON-GOVERNMENTAL BASIS SOME DUTCH ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THEIR PORTUGUESE COUNTER-PARTS. SOCIALIST TRADE UNION FEDERATION (NVV) HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED THROUGH ICFTU TO PORTUGUESE LABOR MOVEMENT, AND DUTCH LABOR PARTY, IN COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST BROADCASTING GROUP (VARA), HAS LAUNCHED A NATIONAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY'S ELECTION FUND. NVV, WHILE NOT A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS CAMPAIGN, IS AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER.

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